

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference of January 12. The purpose of this Supplement to Amendment "D" is to make of record arguments presented during the telephone conference.

The "Remarks" portion of Amendment D are incorporated herein and supplemented by the following.

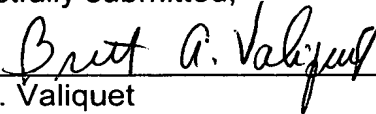
Claim 1 also distinguishes over Foody at least by reciting that the new and stored software components are combined without changing any code within the software components and without writing any adapters.

In the original Office Action, the Examiner had noted the Foody disclosures at column 10 in support of the rejection. However, the Foody teachings at column 10, lines 10-18 and lines 44-49 teach directly away from the invention for the following reasons. Foody at column 10, lines 10-18 teaches the provision of a suite of generic capabilities which may be used by OSAs (Object System Adapter) or overridden (in the object-oriented sense) and replaced with capabilities specific to an individual object system. This is a direct teaching of changing code.

Also, at column 10, lines 44-49 it is taught that typically, each OSA would have to override some capabilities of the generic mechanisms. This means writing of adapters, which teaches directly away from claim 1 wherein the new and stored software components are combined without changing any code and without writing any adapters.

For the above reasons claim 1, and all similar remaining independent claims are allowable since they all contain similar language to claim 1. The dependent claims are allowable at least for the reasons noted in support of Applicants independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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